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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

In publishing this platform of the California Association of Demomrats, or "Democrats for Dewey," the editor herewith denies endorsement of the several "proclamations" though in accord with most of them. It is interesting reading, but the membership of the association is unknown, and the old biblical formula, "by their fruits ye shall know them," applies to this association. The political credo of the group is signed by L. E. Sanders, action chairman. It follows:

We respectfully submit our platform to the electorate of our state and we appeal to all lovers of liberty, regardless of party affiliation to stand with us for the defense of the liberties of the American people:

We proclaim our unalterable allegiance to the Constitution of the United States, to the Bill of Rights and to the twenty two freedoms therein enumerated.

We proclaim our faithful adherence to the political philosophy of Thomas Jefferson upon which American liberty and the Democratic party were founded.

We proclaim our determination that the Democratic party shall be controlled by the followers of Thomas Jefferson and that our country shall be controlled by the people.

We proclaim our faithful adherence to the policy of cooperation between nations.

We proclaim our faith in the ability of American farmers, business men and professional men to conduct their affairs without bureaucratic supervision.

We are determined that labor's gains shall not be lost and that exploitation of labor shall not be permitted.

We are determined that every American shall have an opportunity to earn a comfortable living.

We are determined that our veterans shall receive such assistance as may be necessary to enable them to assume their rightful place sin a democracy free from every trace of foreign philosophy.

We are determined that our people shall have as their right, and not as charity, an adequate and a comfortable livelihood during their retirement age.

We are determined that our country shall not be controlled by un-American individuals or groups.

We are determined thatbureaucracy shall be destroyed and that all useless bureaus and useless agencies shall be abolished.

We condemn as un-American the policy of centralization of government.

We condemn as un-American the policy of government by directives and burearcratic regulations.

We condemn as un-American the usurpation of judicial powers by bureaus and executive agencies.

We condemn as un-American the regimentation of freeborn people.

We condemn as un-American political leaders and members of the judiciary who place political expediency above the Constitution.

We affirm our adherence to the American doctrine of equal rights to all and special priviliges to none.

We approve of the two party political system and we condemn as un-American a one party political system composed of blocks and cliques.

We recommend the election of all Republicans who are opposed by New Dealers and we declare our intention of working during this campaign as "Democrats for Dewey."

Sheriff and Mrs. Carl J. Tobiassen Are Grandparents

Sheriff and Mrs. Carl J. Tobiassen became grandparents for the first time, when a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elton Tobiassen Friday morning in a Grass Valley hospital.

DEMOCRATS RALLY TO BEAT NEW DEAL

Gleason L. Archer, chairman of the American Democratic National Committee in a letter to the Nevada City Nugget writes:

Please pardon the informality of this letter. As you know from the newspaper reports, the American Democratic National committee is dedicated to defeat of the New Deal in November.

We have just concluded our preconvention caucus in Chicago one of the most significant events in American history. We believe it marks the end of our country's headlong plunge into dictatorship and our return to freedom under the Constitution.

Delegates from 28 states were here. With sincerity in their hearts and eloquence on their tongues, they condemned the New Deal and tne alien program of the Roosevelt regime. They mutually resolved to forge powerful anti-New Deal organizations in every state of the Union.

We know that opponents of the New Deal cannot win without the aid of millions of Demoratic votes. The purpose of our committee is to marshal those millions of votes against the New Deal. We believe that, thus organized, our committee will hold balance of power in this fateful year.

We believe that, if the New Deal wins in November, our liberties are in danger; the education of our youth will be communized; our chistian religion will be in peril; our sovereignty as a nation will be submerged in some dreamy international state, headed by aliens.

SOME GRASS VALLEY STORES OPEN MON. NIGHTS

This evening merchants of Grass Valley in clothing and hardware businesses will remain open until 9 o'clock to accommodate Camp Beale civilian workers, and families of the army personnel. However, they did not open until noon today. This action followed an agreement reached by mechants in these lines on Friday evening. It came as a result of a request from Camp Beale workers, now employed 9 hours a day and unable, on account the usual 6 o'clock closing, to do their usual shopping. This rule will apply only to Mondays, and is an experiment.

Grocery and meat markets will continue with the 6 o'clock closing for the present. A city ordinance provides that butcher shops must close at 6 o'clock p. m. and grocers feel that all food stores should act together.

The experiment begun by dealers in durable and soft goods, of opening Mondays at 12 o'clock, noon, and closing at 9 p. m. will be given thorought trial according the merchants in these lines.

NEW RESPIRATOR ASKED OF CITY COUNCIL

The Nevada City Council has taken under advisement a request made by Garfield Robson, on behalf the fire department, for a new and modern piece of equipment for artificial respiration.

Robson, who was fire chief last year, stated that the firemen have witnessed two demonstrations of the apparatus, which can be used with the body of the victim in any position. Its operation is mechanical and not manual, and if the victim be injured it can still be used effectively where as with the present resuscitator. the victim must always be face downward, regardless of broken legs or arms. He said that it will fit any size of the human body including that of a baby.

Both army and navy medical corps have endorsed its use, Robson said, and the cost is but $400 equivalent to a 10 cent tax on 4000 people.

FIRST BARTLETT PEARS SHIPPED

The first Bartlett pears of the season were brought to the Colfax Fruit Growers Company in Hills Flat Saturday by Herman Hartung, orchardist of Pleasant Valley.

They will be a part of the first shipment from Nevada County packed at Colfax fruit sheds which opened today. Nevada County growers will bring their pears to the Colfax Fruit Growers where they will be loaded on huge trucks and transferred to the packing shed. Pleasant Valley pears are reported in excellent condition with trees well loaded, contrasting with pears in higher elevations where frosts took a heavy toll at blossoming time.

SON ON FISHING TRIP SUMMONED HOME BY DEATH

Answering an appeal from Mrs. Wenzell Svoboda of Oakland, to find her son, Joseph Svoboda and tell him that his father had passed away Tuesday evening, Deputy Sheriff Carl Larsen, forest service and Pacific Gas and Electric Company staff members Thursday located the young man, near North Bloomfield where he was fishing. Yesterday afternoon he broke camp and drove back to Oakland.

A note left at his camp by Larsen giving the text of his mother's telegram failed to reach him Wednesday, but forest service men using forest phone lines finally located him.

MEMBER OF DOWNIE FAMILY DIES IN ARIZONA

The Mountain Messenger is indebted to Stanley J. Smith, Oakland attorney, well known in Downieville for the following from a Prescott, Arizona newspaper, sent him by William H. Ainsworth dated July 24:

"Adelina Downie Ainsworth, wife of William A. Ainsworth, Yavapai County rancher, died unexpectedly of a cerebral hemorrhage at their home on South Pleasant street Saturday evening at 9.30 o'clock. The Ainsworths lived in Williamson Valley for many years but recently sold their ranch and moved to Prescott to reside.

"Mrs. Ainsworth, who was born in Victoria, British Columbia, was 77 years of age. Her father, William Downie was a California pioneer and the town of Downieville was named for him.

"In addition to her husband, she is survived by a brother, William Downie who has been with the health department of Oakland for 34 years; a nephew F. D. Platz, of Bellinghom, Washington and Mr. Ainsworth's sister, Mrs. Clara Worthen, and brothers G,eorge, R. W. and B. F. Ainsworth all of this county."—Mountain Messenger.

HALF MILLION MIGRATE TO BAY AREA

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7—More than half a million migrants from all parts of the country have come to the San Francisco bay area in the past four years, according to the United States census bureau.

The newcomers originated as follows. 16.7 per cent from states east of the Mississippi, 19 per cent from Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, 14 per cent from Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas, 36.1 per cent from other sections of the Pacific Coast, and the remainder from the balance of the nation.

In migration and new workers of established local residence have brought the wartime civilian labor force of the five counties of the bay area to 834,700 as of May 1944, compared with 552,500 in April 1940.

REHABILITATION NEXT JOB FOR S. S. BOARDS

While mobilization and maintenance of the nation's military manpower presents the main job for today, rehabilitation of veterans for civilian life and the conditioning and training of youth to replace them in the armed forces are the big tasks for tomorrow, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service pointed out in a recent address before the Commerce and Industry Association of New York City.

Induction Statistics

General Hershey cited that Selective Service, since 1940, has directly or indirectly furnished the armed forces about 10 million men and has done so without preventing the accomplishment of any war production program. He said:

"Almost 10 million men have been moilizbed in the last 30 months—an average of more than 300,000 each month for the entire period; 10,000 men a day—more if you omit Sundays and holidays. We thought World War I a fair sized struggle, but we have mobilized three times the numbers we had then. More of our men are overseas today than we had altogether in the armed forces at our peak in World War I."

Pointing to the importance of conditioning and training youth for future national defense, General Hershey called to attention in the same connection the high rejection rate in the current mobilization.

"I regret to say that we have rejected more men this time than we accepted in the last war," he stated. "Selective Service has procured directly or indirectly an average of 1000 men per hour, 10 hours per day, 30 days per month, since Pearl Harbor. This number, however, does not include the millions whom the local boards registered, classified, had physically examined, selected and who were forewarded to the induction stations and rejected during this period."

Tomorrow's Task

Emphasizing that the current mobilization and maintenance of manpower for war has been accomplished without injury to war industry, agriculture and the national health, safety, and interest as a whole, Gen. Hershey then said:

"So much for yesterday and for today. What about tomorrow? So long as there is need for men to increase, to maintain or to replace personnel in the army or the navy, Selective Service has a job to do. So long as any veteran seeks his old job after his demobilization, or a new job that cannot be found elsewhere, selective service has congressional mandate to give every aid to this veteran. So long as selective service has the custody of the greatest inventory of manpower America has ever made, it must be the responsibility of selective service to aid to the maximum in understanding the reasons for the mental and physical disabilities of millions of our men. Once having understood, selective service must collaborate in every possible way to insure that by train- and rehabilitation more men can assume the entire burden of citizenship."

RATTLER SCARES WOMAN LOOKOUT

Mrs. Mary E. Gormley, forest lookout on Grouse Ridge in Placer County, strolling around the catwalk of her cabin at the top of a 30 foot tower, noticed a rattlesnage at the foot of her stairs apparently trying to come up.

Mrs. Gormley, who is spending her first summer in the wilds, having lived most of her life in the San Francisco bay region, was greatly frightened but thought of the radio receiving and sending set inside the cabin. Calling all stations she asked for advice on what to do. Everyone in a radius of 25 miles responded. She got lots of advice and finally killed the snake with a big stick.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lyons, owners and operators of the St. Francis hotel in Camptonville, were business visitors in this city Thursday and also spent some time among relatives.

FHA ANNOUNCES 3 POINT PROGRAM

With its war construction activity approaching completion, and with scores of inquiries coming into its headquarters regrading its future plans, the Federal Housing Administration in Northern California has announced a three point program of prime interest to holders of home mortgages, real estate dealers and banks and other lending institutions. Within the past few weeks the administration executives have presented the program to special meetings of hundreds of real estate brokers and members of the banking fraternity in the San Francisco bay cities. One meeting has already been held in Fresno and others are planned for other key points north of the Kern County line.

The program includes:

The discouragement of inflation in real estates values by the refusal of the FHA to commit for insured loans based on present inflationary influences.

The refinancing of burdensome home mortgages, and the elimination, insofar as possible, of second mortgages on homes through the relief loaning plan provided by the FHA.

The processing of FHA loan commitments within five working days in order to make loan funds quickly available for the purchase or refinancing of existing loans.

NEW DUTIES FOR TRUSTEES IN NOR. BLOOMFIELD

An unusual situation is revealed in the enlarged North Bloomfield School District, according to Walter Carlson, county superintendent of school following the action of the county board of supervisors in lapsing the Washington School District and merging it with North Bloomfield. He said:

"In North Bloomfield ten miles to the west are three trustees without a school. That district is suspended. In Washington, where there are two school children, and a possible prospect of more in the next month or two, there are no school trustees. When the district was lapsed the trustees ceased to function. In the consolidated district, the North Bloomfield trustees will have jurisdiction, in case the school should be resumed in Washington.

"However," Carlson stated, "if sufficietn children should come to Washington in the next month or two, the supervisors may reestablish the Washington school, as under the law they can create any new school district in which eight pupils reside.

BOYS OF 17 MAY NOW ENLIST IN COAST GUARD

Seventeen year olds may now serve as Steward Mates in the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve according to an announcement made today by the Coast Guard Recruiting office in Sacramento. Boys are enlisted as steward mates third class and many opportunities for fast advencement are offered to those who want to serve as an integral part of the U. S. Coast Guard. The Coast yuard has men on every field of action in the world and needs many more in this specialized branch. Men with ability may qualify for petty officer ratings in this field up to and including Chief Steward.

Qualifications for enlistment are not difficult—good character, good health, and at least 8 years of schooling are necessary. Before the enlistment is completed, applicants must furnish a birth certificate and parent's consent.

Men are sent to Manhattan Beach New York, for basic training. Those inetrested are urged to contact the Coast Guard Recruiting Office in Room 217, New Federal Building, Sacramento, for complete information on the Steward Mates program.

WAR PRISONERS AND DOUGHBOYS CAN AID HARVEST

CAMP BEALE, Aug. 7—Answering a plea of the war manpower commission offices in Marysville, Camp Beale, will lend every assistance possible, within military regulations, to the emergency harvesting and canning of the great fruit crops in Yuba and Sutter counties.

Brigadier General Oscar B. Abbott commanding Camp Beale, today declared his desire to cooperate in every way to aid in bringing the crops to market.

Acting under war department directives, General Abbott has instructed that soldiers desiring work as fruit pickers or in canneries be given passes for this purpose during their off duty hours or for periods up to three days, providing the work does not interfere with their military duties.

The war manpower commission U. S. employment service, at 321 C. St. Marysville, headed by William J. Barry with G. A. Woodman as senior interviewer, has informed General Abbott that it will act as a clearing house for requests for soldier labor for the harvesting and canning emergency.

German prisoners of war, housed at Camp Beale, will first be available for the work, under contract specifications drawn by the WMC and the war department.

All requests for prisoner of war labor or for soldier labor for the harvesting and canning emergency are to be cleared through the Marysville U. S. employment service, No requests are to be made direct to Camp Beale authorities.

The recent necessity for increasing the present work week to 54 hours at all installations in the army service forces makes it imperative that first consideration be given the military requirements before passes are issued to soldiers to aid in the labor emergency.

The war department directive permitting soldier work in agricultural emergencies allows such work only if the individual soldier desires to engage in it. No expense must incur to the government, which means that employers provide the necessary transportation.

ANOTHER GROUP OF NEV. COUNTY OFF TO WAR

Another group of local young men left Thursday morning to enter the armed forces. They wert Joe E. Day, leader of the group; Elmer B. Lewis, Walter W. Hooper, Samuel H. Thompson; Melvin E. Palmerton, Herbert S. Foreman, Donald W. Lightford, James E. Walker, Gerald Cannon, Edward L. Jenkins and David A. Leak.

The group will report to the San Francisco Induction Center for assignment to various branches of the service.

Seeing the inductees off from the court house early yesterday morning were members of the Nevada City Women's Civic Club, together with their relatives, and friends Those representing the civic group were Mrs. Jessie Robinson and Mrs Merle Morrison who presented the departing boys with gifts from their organization.

FLEAS MAY SOON CEASE TO BITE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7—Sa Franciscans, along with other Pa ific Coast citizens, are hopeful th they may soon be able to discontinu acquaintance with their hithert most intimate companion—the fle Encouragement has come throug the announcement that DDT powde which licked typhus bearing insec in Naples, also spells death for ma aria bearing mosquitos.

While experiments on the effi acy of DDT against fleas are st secret, it seems reasonable, accor ing to local scientists, that a powde effective against such diverse i sects also would be effective again the flea.

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JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder about many things,
Including stars and trees,
The majesty of mountain heights,
The busy lives of bees;
But I must confess, and this must be
Strictly between us two,
The things that make me wonder most,
Are things we humans do.

Years ago, a certain poet wrote the words, "why should the spirit of mortal be proud," upon a scrap of paper and left them for future generations to ponder. "Why should the spirit of mortal be proud?" the query remains unanswered, so we humans go right on being proud and boastful perhaps the easiest thing we can do, is to be proud and boastful without knowing exactly why.

Yes, we boast. We are the crowning achievement of creation, we hold dominion over the birds, beasts and all things that swim the seven seas; we are the flower of the ages; for us the universe moves, for us the sun shines and the winds of heaven blow. Yes, we are proud and we boast; but sometimes—only sometimes, we become a bit inquisitive, critical or analytic and at such times we repeat the old question, and fined no adequate reply.

"Why should the spirit of mortal be proud" well, humanity is versatile; it runs the gamut from unbelievable heights of accomplishment and spiritual sublimity to the darkest depths of moral degredation. We tell ourselves that we can do anything that we will to do and yet we are at cross purposes with each other and at present, the world is paying in blood and agony for our inability to handle the affairs of our little domains, in an orderly and reasonable manner.

There is a pinnacle of excellence upon which humanity will one day stand. If at the present time we can individually and collectively aid in bringing that time nearer, it will be in order to feel somewhat proud and in a lesser degree, boastful. In the mean while, let's consider th query—ask ourselves, "why should the spirit of mortal be proud." and strive to evolve the conditions under which a satisfactory answer may be found.

I wonder about cmpaign promises. Aren't they tentative at best. Should we blame the successful candidate overly much, if a few of his pre-election assurances fail of fulfillment. He may be sincere, but when at length he takes office the winds of chance, fate or destiny may catch him up, swirl him about and then deposit him in the midst of unforseen circumstances which call for new decisions, readjustments of old values and fresh mandates. It might be well for the office seeker to protest less loudly. As for me I shall lean lightly upon that fragile shakey reed, the compaign promise.

Uncle Silas says, "Hitler has a new problem; he can't be sure wether his top ranking generals are alive or dead."—A. Merriam Conner.

FARMING BY THEORY

Queried at Sacramento during the hearings on the 160-acre limitation on farms served by the Central Valley Water Project, State Engineer Edward Hyatt, fashioned a phrase that rang with grassroots conviction—and delighted the farmers testifying against the limitation.

Pressed for assurance that there would be no speculation on project lands, Hyatt ryly remarked: "The best brains have tried to answer that and have failed. There has been and probably will be some speculation. But I wouldn't destroy a project to save a theory."

The practical and plain speaking Hyatt no doubt is aware that the one time question of baronial farm tracts is solving itself quite naturally. California farms are graually equalizing in size, the great sprawling acreages diminishing year by year while small family farms increase their holdings. The reason for that phenomenon is virtually the same in both instances—mechanization an natural adjustment processes.

The small farmer has found he can't afford to take advantage of new, labor saving machinery unless he builds his farm to a size that warrants it. Meanwhile, the biggest farms in the state have been lowering their acreage consistently as a result of competitition offered by efficient farming on a small scale, combined with cooerative buying and selling by the smaller farmers. According to Ralph H. Taylor who as executive secretary of the Agricultural Council represents approximately 70,000 farmers, the trend of the former great holdings like the fabulous Miller and Lux is gradually but deifnitely downward. Taylor testified at the hearing that the 160 acre limit on farms is a wholly unsound and uneconomic means of restricting the use of Central Valley propect water.

Theories come and theories go, as far as the farmer is concerned, but the natural laws of rain and sun, and the natural processes of competition and progress by efficiency are still better compasses to steer by than most of those promulgated in the interior department for trial on the farm.—Contributed.

A NICKEL'S WORTH OF BEETHOVEN

Something new under the sun—juke box opera—is the interesting proposl of singer Alexander Kipnis, basso of the Metropolitan opera.

Believing that many young people whose ears are presently tuned to modern dance tunes, are thoroughly capable of appreciating the fine and lasting music of the ages, Kipnis has startled the musical world by proposing to salt the usual juke box repertoire with a few selections of more cultural character.

America is more music conscious than ever before, the singer believes and its interest extends to all kinds of music, trimmed to every length of hair. Millions of people wait for scheduled concerts by artists whom they have been able to hear only at infrequent intervals or on broadcasts. They buy records when they can, or listen to somebodyelse's. It does't matter whether the community is in a metropolis with plenty of good music all year around or off the musical track, a session around a classical juke box would provide entertainment for young people that they can get nowhere else.

We hope that something comes of the suggestion—or any other suggestion that will place more great music at the disposal of youth. It is beyond the realm of reasonability to suppose that young people have no taste for good music, but only an iffinite requirement for jive. We believe with Kepiis that one of the things this country needs is good 5c music, brought if necessary, to wherever our boys and girls congregate around the juke box, lifted to more cultural grace by the nickel operas.—Contributed.

NOTHING NEW ABOUT NEW DEAL, ALL OLD STUFF

THE NEW DEAL OF DIOCLETIAN AND THAT OF ROOSEVELT

1 Diecletian came into power in the Roman Empire in 284 A. D. on a great wave of unrest following an agricultural depression.

Roosevelt came into power in the United States in 1933 A. D. on a great wave of unrest following a depression largely agricultural.

2 Diocletian subjugated the senate and coerced it into granting him broad dictatorial powers.

Roosevelt has controlled and dictated to congress and caused it to delegate to him larger powers than ever have veen possessed by any other president in these times.

3 Diocletion ignored constutional restrictions.

Roosevelt has violated the constitution and has constrained congress not to let constitutionality interfere with his program.

4 Diocletian governed almost entirely by imperial decrees and issued hundreds of orders as law.

Roosevelt has carried out most of his New Deal by executive decrees and has issued more than 15,000 pages of administrative orders.

5 Diocletian reduced the gold content of the standard unit of Roman coinage (the aurius) by 15 per cent.

Roosevelt reduced the gold content of the dollar by 41 per cent.

6 The famous Edict of Diocletian (301 A. D.) attempted to fix by governmental order the prices of most articles that were purchased by the Romans, including oil, leather, fur, shoes, clothing, furniture and carpets.

The NRA unreasonably set up uniform price schedules throughout the coutry for familiar articles of purchase.

7 The same Edict of Diocletian attempted to regulate conditions of labor, wages, and cost of professional services (including fees to be paid orators) for speeches on a uniform basis throughout the empire.

The NRA codes under Roosevelt were promulgated for the prime purpose of regulating wages, conditions of labor, and services throughout the United States.

8 Diocletian by the same edict, attempted to regulate food production, distribution, and prices.

Roosevelt by the AAA attempted to regulate food production and distribution and indirectly to control food prices.

9 Diocletian reorganized the administrative system of the empire and concentrated power in his own hands.

Roosevelt reorganized the administrative system of the nation to concentrate power in his own hands.

10 To enforce his vast new regulatory and reform measures, Diocletian increased the number of officials in his administrative staff by about 40 per cent.

To enforce his vast new regulatory and reform measures, Roosevelt increased the number of officials in his administrative staff by about 30 per cent.

11 Under Diocletian the empire assumed the responsibility of furnishing free bread, wine, meat, and clothing to all of the poor throughout the empire.

Under Roosevelt the federal government assumed the responsibility of furnishing the money for, and administering relief to all of the destitute throughout the nation.

12 To support his vast new administrative system and increased burden of relief, Diocletian added many new and ubrdensome taxes and increased old ones.

To support his vast new administrative system, Roosevelt added many new and burdensome taxes and increased old ones.

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The standard test of high schools on ancient history, which I am told is used in about 60 per cent of the high schools of the country is Breasted's Ancient Times. On page 680 he thus describes the results of the policies of Diocletian in Rome:

"Many a worthy man secretly fled from his lands to become a wandering beggar, or even to take up a life of robbery and violence. The Roman Empire had already lost, and had never been able to restore its prosperous farming class. It now lost likewise the enteprising and successful business men of the middle class. Thus under this oriental despotism the liberty, for which men had striven so long disappeared in Europe and the once free Roman citizen had no independence of his own. For decrees were dispatched throughout the length and breadth of the Roman dominion. Even the citizen's wages and the prices of the goods he bought or sold were as far as possible fxied for him by the state. The emperor's innumerable officials kept an eye upon even the humblest citizen. They watched the grain dealers, butchers, and bakers, and saw to it that they properly supplied the public and never deserted their occupation. In a word, the Roman government now attempted to regulate almost every interest in life, and wherever the citizen turned he felt the control and oppression of the state.

"Staggering under his crushing burden of taxes—the citizen of every class had now become a mere cog in the vast machinery of the government. "The century of revolution which ended in the despotic reorganization by Diocletian completely destroyed the creative ability of ancient men in art and literature, as it likewise crushed all progress in business and affairs. In so far as the ancient world was one of progress in civilization, its history was ended with the accession of Diocletian."

S. F. CHAMBER URGES LOCAL VACATIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—Cooperating with the Office of Defense Transportation program to discourage unnecessary travel, leading San Francisco organizations are seeking to persuade local residents to vacation at home in an area to which a million tourists came for enjoyment before the war.

August in San Francisco, published by Californians, Inc., contains an enticing bill of fare of 14 day courses of bay area attractions. The schedule even gives instructions for reaching suggested destinations.

An advisory letter to 260 San Francisco concerns having more than 100 employes has been circulated by the chamber of commerce. It urges local vacations and warns prospective non essential travelers of the risk of being stranded. The chamber also has issued a comprehensive list of bay area attractions for general distribution.

BILLION COINS MINTED IN S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7—More than a billion coins were minted in San Francisco in the fiscal year ended June 30, the Treasury Department has announced.

Of the total 575,164,000 were for domestic use, and 520,400,000 were foreign coins. The billion odd total was erceeded only by the output of the Philadelphia Mine, according to the treasury.

MEN CARELESS WITH CASH IN THE OLD DAYS

Recently a local man picked up an 1898 dollar and 31 cents under a portion of a torn up sidewalk in front of the old Costello and Jepson saloon on Broad street. The dollar was considerably pitted and was sent to the mint to be redeemed. He turned it over to his wife for defense stamps for a bond she is buying. This find brought to light several other incidents where coins were found under floors of old buildings in this city.

A number of years ago an old building directly across from the above mentioned one in which a man named Hoskins conducted a saloon, was being renovated and old money was found. Fred Tredennick local contractor who is the only member of that carpenter crew alive today, stated he and associates in one day found $72, in gold and silver coins in the sawdust before quitting time. After the men left at night, Chinamen from Chinatown on Commercial street and just back of the building came over in droves and sifted the sawdust and dirt under the floor. What they recovered no one knows. The site of the old building is now the Bennetts building occupied by the 5-10c save more of Gallaghers. Some of the old coins in the $72 lot were badly pitted from a fire in the 60's.

Another incident was the old building on Commercial street in which Earl Rickard conducted a bakery about twenty years ago and now owned by Martin Vanberg as a garage. It was being repaired by carpenters among them being the late Bob McLeon. A portion of the floor collapsed and as repairs were being done many coins were found. Henry ONeill, who was present at the time picked up several old coins, in the then bakery building.

The Nugget office building, formerly conducted as a saloon by the late Frank Kendrick also produced a lot of old coins when repairs were made to the floor by the late William Celio, owner. It seems there was a knot hole in the floor at the end of the bar and when the carpenters were at work they found the old coins, mostly small denominations, in the cellar. Fred Tredennick was a carpenter here also.

TWO FISHERMEN FINED

Arrested by Capt. A. H. Willard of the Fish and Game Commission for having too many trout in their possession Leonard M. Thompson and Robert Payne Sr. of Grass Valley, pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace G. A. Robbins of Downieville Saturday and paid fines of $25 each.

Payne had 36 trout in his pessession and Thompson 27. They had been fishing in the North Fork of the Yuba.

In the Middle Ages there was a rule that if a man had lived in a free city for a year and a day he could no longer be claimed by a lord as his serf.

Phone 36 FOR WANT ADS

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COMMUNISTS AND KUOMINTAN IN CONFERENCE

CHUNGKING, Aug. 7—Replying to a question raised by a correspondent regarding present stage of conversations between the government and the communists, the Chinese government spokesman said in a press conference yesterday the relations between Kuomintang, or the Chinese Nationalist Party, and the communists have improved. He said no details concerning the conversations could be given because there is "gentlemen's agreement" between the government and the communists not to reveal anything until the talks have been concluded. However, a partial solution of the Kuomintang communist problem is possible but under present circumstances "it is too much to expect a total solution."

The government spokesman saw little difficulty in the fundamental solution of the problem since the "principle of livelihood" of the Dr. Sun Yat Sen's three people's principles has much in common with the communist theories. The main difference lies in the methods of realization. Furthermore, there is no serious disagreement in the views between the government and communist party since the latter repeatedly announced its intention to abide by law, accept Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's leadership, and carry on the war under the direction of the government. But the obstacle to fundamental solution of the problem so far has been the insincerity of the communists to carry that intention into effect and on the contrary they did many things in contravention to their pronouncements.

Tracing the talks between the government and the communists for three months the government spokesman revealed that after one weeks' conversations between the government and communist representatives some sort of agreement was reached and signed by Lin Tsu Han, representing the communists. This agreement was submitted to President Chiang Kai-check who later made some proposals to the communists. The proposals included: (1) the government will not object to granting of legal status to the communist party; (2) the government agrees to enlarge the Eighteenth Groop Army to foor army corps or ten army divisions on the understanding that troops are subject to orders of transfer by the government, and political training and personnel control be placed under uniform control by the central government; (3) administration areas now under the communists should be placed under the executive yuan directly, and in this connection taxation and currency in those areas should be unified with those of the central government; (4) regarding constitutionalism, China at present is still undergoing the period of political tutelage under kuomingtang, and the national people assembly will be convened one year after the conclusion of the war whereupon there will be qual chance for the communist party to participate in government administration.

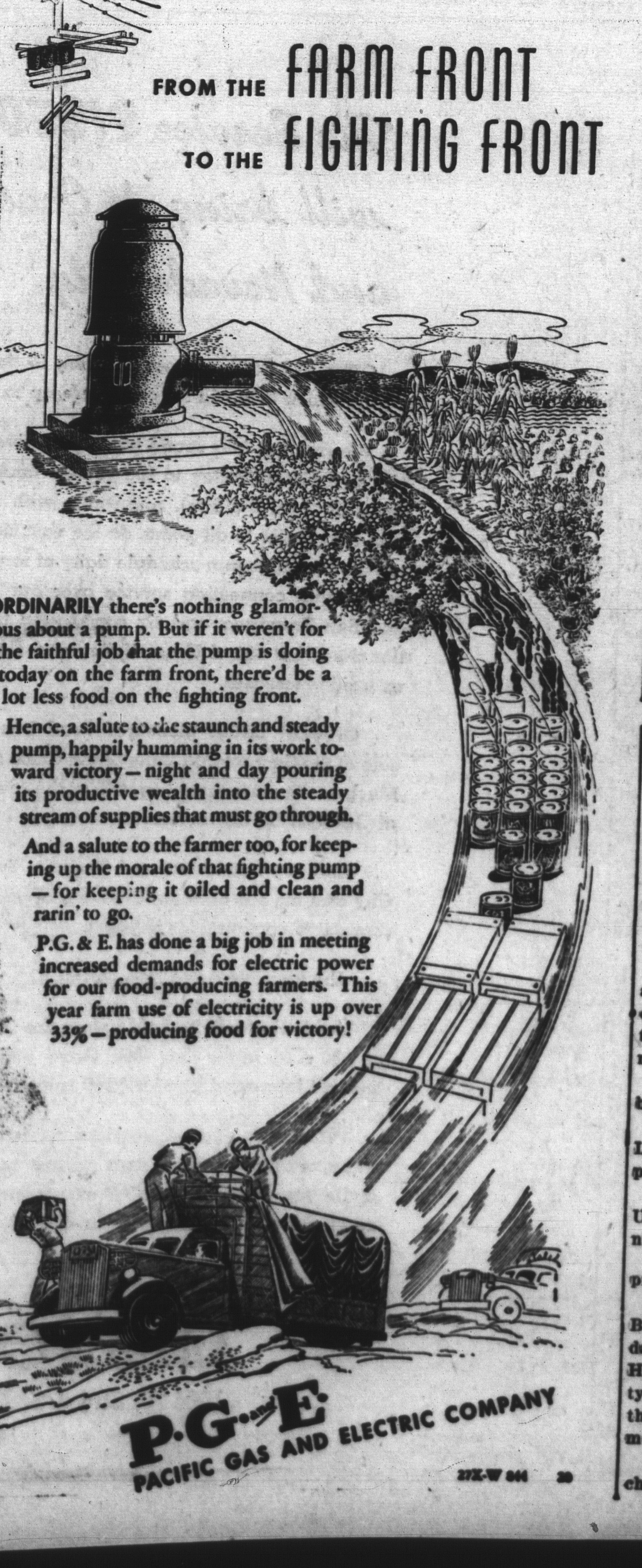
The Chinese government spokesman revealed that instead of replying to the above proposals the communists advanced 20 counter-proposals which were later reduced to twelve after revision by Lin Tsu Han. These proposals by the communists were markedly different from what was agreed upon during the Sian talks three months ago. Efforts are now being made to slash down the difference between Chiangs proposals and the communists counter-proposals and full statement on the talks will be issued following their conclusion. The government spokesman is confident that a solution will come about and certainly there will be no internacine warfare in China.

M. PATRICK BORNE TO REST

Funeral services under direction of the Hooper and Weaver Mortuary were held in St. Patrick's Catholic church Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock for the late Matthew Patrick who passed away Thursday in a Nevada City hospital. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

Patrick was born in Yugoslavia, 81 years ago, and had lived in Grass Valley for the past decade. He was owner of considerable realty and had built the Patrick Courts, a housing project in the outskirts of Grass Valley. When he first came to Grass Valley he engaged in mining.

Surviving is a brother John Patrick of San Francisco and a number of nieces and nephews.



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LAKE VERA IS VACATION SPOT FOR 1500 GIRLS

In a noble grove of pines on the shores of Lake Vera, four miles north of Nevada City, the Sacramento Camp Fire Girls, under the supervision of Mrs. Pauline Olsen and staff of counsellors are being given an outdoor conditioning that puts weight on thin girls and takes it off those who weigh too much.

By the time the season closes, on August 13th, 505 girls ranging in age from eight to 16 years will have been vacation guests at Camp Minaluta. Some of the girls come from Roseville and Auburn which lie in the Sacramento district for Camp Fire Girls.

Round the shores of this sparkling blue lake are three other camps, Camp Augusta, for Piedmont girls, Camp Celio for Oakland girls, and Gold Hollow for San Mateo, Burlingame Girl Scouts. All told some 1500 Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls will have spent vacations at Lake Vera this summer.

Sacramento Camp Fire Girls eat, sleep, exercise, perform camp duties and play in the open air during their entire stay. Mrs. Olsen states that there were 105 there for this two weeks of the season.

Recreation takes many forms. Down at the lake, is a locker house and awning spread over benches. A small pier runs into the water, and on one side is shallow water for non swimmers, for beginners. These are known as the tadpole and frog pools. On the other side is the fish pool for water adepts. Boats and canoes are moored nearby and the girls are taught to row and paddle under expert direction.

For girls who have had experience with horses, the trails of the neighborhood are open for exploration, but no girl rides without the consent of parents, and at the parents' responsibility.

In a wooded nook against a bank are ranged small log seats and on the bank is perched a rectangular boulder, where visiting parsons preach and hold religious services on Sundays. This is also an outdoor theatre for camp dramatics.

Mrs. Olson says that the life in open does wonders for the girls. Stout girls grow thinner and thin girls grow stouter. Camp life restores to the normal that nature intended and the return to their homes renewed and refreshed, relaxed and invigorated from the good pine fragrance abundant fare and vigorous exercise.

HOUSE BURNS AT TAHOE

In a report made yesterday to the chief fire dispatcher of the Tahoe National Forest, State-Line look out firemen stated that Hulbert House, a private residence, had burned to the ground in the Brockway district of Lake Tahoe. The fire guard of Incline assisted in checking the flames which destroyed the house but did not spread to the forest.

Engineers To Survey Road To Mosquito Ridge

Nicholas Strawn and O. D. Bruening, engineers of the Regional Forestry office in San Francisco are in Nevada City trying to employ a crew to make a road survey into Mosquito Ridge, from Forest Hill, Placer County.

The survey is to be made in order to estimate costs of construction. When built it will tap one of the largest virgin timer stands the state.

Pfc. Gordon Douglas Given Combat Medal

WITH THE AMERICAL DIVISION SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Pfc. Gordon A. Douglas, of Upper Boulder Street, Nevada City, Calif., has been awarded the Combat Infantrymen Badge for exemplary conduct against the enemy on Bougainville.

Douglas is a rifleman in a veteran infantry regiment and has been on many patrols into enemy territory. He has been overseas for nine months.

Before induction he was employed by the Standard Stations Inc.

He is married to the former Beryl L. Burkhart and they are the proud parents of a 2 months old baby boy.

A brother Pvt. Harold J. Douglas USA., is now stationed in California.

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presided.

Congressman Clair Engle of Red Bluff spent Wednesday and Thursday in Grass Valley and Nevada City. He is making a tour of his 18 county district. Last night he addressed the Grass Valley Lions Club at their meeting in Bret Harte Inn.

Earl Bonham was the program chairman. President Gilbert Tennis

ST. CHARLES HOTEL CHANGES HANDS AGAIN

DOWNIEVILLE, Aug. 7—Effective Augut 10, Ora F and Ray Huggins become owners of the St. Charles Hotel, a business closely associated with history of this section. Marion and Bernard Lusk purchased the property June 1 of this year from Antone Lavezzola, who had operated it for 40 years. Lusk brothers were former local business men, returning after absence of a year and a half.

Arrangements for the sale were made Wednesday and includes only the hotel property. Adjoining property to the north which Lusk brothers bought from Lavezzola will be retained and improved by Lusks.

Many changes, improvements and renovations have been made in the two months Lusk brothers have operated the St. Charles.

The Huggins brothers are well known in this section, having been mining operators here for several years but have been in defense work in the bay section for the past two years.—Mountain Messenger.

Former Miner To Rest In Grass Valley

George Buckley Cooper, former resident of Grass Valley, who died Saturday at Weimar, Placer County, will be borne to rest in the Catholic Cemetery here, following services in St. Patrick's Church tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock with the Rev. William Horgan in charge. Rosary services will take place this evening i nthe Hooper and Weaver Mortuary.

In recent years Cooper had lived in Jamestown, Tuolumne Coounty. He followed mining throughout his adult life. He was a native of La Junta, Colorado, aged 66 years. The family formerly resided on Henderson street in Grass Valley. He leaves three sons, all of whom are in the armed services. They are Lieut. Jack Cooper in the U. S. Air Corps, Marine George Cooper in South Pacific and Pfc. James Cooper, stationed in Texas, but now home on furlough.

Logs In One Dav For Calida Mill Total 546 Feet

DOWNIEVILLE, Aug. 7 — Ross Logging Company is getting into its stride in production of logs for the Calida Lumber Company. After months of preliminary work, with only a couple of weeks of logging, 674 logs were hauled up to Wednesday, totalling 546,000 board feet. The largest log contained 4100 feet and 6500 feet were in the largest single load, with 71,820 net scale, the largest day's delivery to the mill pond, according to Assistant Ranger Fred Arenholz.

Ross Brothers are using two White trucks in hauling and RD8 tractor with Carco areh and an RD8 with dozer blade. At present they haul about two and a half miles to the mill pond.—Downieville Mountain Messenger.

Mountain Messenger Only Newspaper in Sierra

DOWNIEVILLE, Aug. 7.—Word was received in Downieville yesterday in a letter from C. O. Wahlquist publisher, of the Sierra Valley News at Loyalton, that he had discontinued publication of that paper, but would combine its news and subscription list with the Portola Reporter, which he has leased for the duration. Wahlquist stated in the letter that he could not get gasoline to travel between the two places, and was making more profit from the Portola property.

Discontinuing the publication leaves The Mountain Messenger as the only newspaper now published in Sierra County.

The letter confirms a telephone conversation Wahlquist had with the publisher of The Mountain Messenger three weeks ago.—Downieville Messenger.

Nevada County Has 4,526 Motor Vehicles

A statistical report received today by the Nugget from the Department of Motor Vehicles shows a total of 4526 motor vehicles of all classes were registered in Nevada County during the first six months of 1944. This is exclusive of vehicles upon which no registration fees are paid.

Registrations for the county were classified as follows: Automobiles 3781; pneumatic trucks, 534; motorcylles 14; solid trailers 3; pneumatic trailers 194.

Total fee paid registration for the entire state was given at 2,874,229 vehicles, a gain of 85,154 vehicles, or 3.06 per cent over the corresponding period of 1943. Department officials credited the increase largely to the influx of war workers with vehicles previously registered in other states. Heaviest gains were noted on automobiles and pneumatic trucks.

Statewide registrations were given as follows: Automobiles 2,478,220; solid trucks 475; pneumatic trucks 211,225; motorcycles 18,898; solid trailers 1705; pneumatic trailers 159,706.

Departmental collections of revenues from all sources for the period totaled $28,361,336 a gain of -2,214,566 or 8.47 per cent over the corresponding period of 1943. The bulk of these funds will be apportioned to the division of highways and the several cities and counties of the state in compliance with apportionment statutes.

NURSES GIVEN MILITARY STATUS

For the first time establishmer of the Army Nurse Corps in 1901 by an act of congress, members of the ANC were granted full military status last month, it was announced today at the Ninth Service Command Surgeon's office, headquarters, Ft. Douglas, Utah.

There are approximately 40,000 army nurses, holding full military rank ranging from second lieutenant to colonel, in the organization at present.

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Sgt. Ainsley Fouyer—

Mrs. Carl J. Tobiassen received a letter Thursday from her cousin, Ainsley Fopyer, and in it he stated he was in a hospital on Saipan, Pacific war theatre. He has dengue fever and has lost a lot of weight. Ainsley had fever in New Zealand and was in a hospital there for some time. He was very weak but expected to be alright soon.

Kenton Mellott—

Sgt. Kenton Mellott, son of Mr. and Mr. George Mellott of Town Talk, has written from the Payote air base in Texas that he is out of the hospital and back at work again. He is recovering from removal of a tumor on his neck. Ken, as he is better known here among classmates, is a mechanic that inspects new planes before they take off for duty.

Elwood Farnsworth—

Elwood Farnsworth, phamricist mate first class, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farnsworth he has just passed another examination. He is in the Hawaiian Island and now renders aid to injured deep sea divers.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pratti of San Francisco arrived Saturday to enjoy a week's vacation from his twelve hour shifts at the Bethlehem Steel company plant. Early Sunday morning he accompanied his brother in law to the Sierra mountains for a days fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pearce of Orland enjoyed a week end visit here with their relatives. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. W. Peard.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jeffrey spent the past week end in Los Altos with their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jeffrey.

Bert C. Austin consulting engineer for the Ruby and Oxford gold mines, passed through here recently returning to his home in San Francisco after a visit with Manager L. L. Huelsdonk at the properties.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kennedy had as a visitor over the week end their grandson, Donald Miller who is taking a special federal course in the College of Pacific at Stockton. He was an alternate to Annapolis but the government sent him to the college in Stockton to take up other work.

R. F. Van Winkle and family of Forest Hill have rented the Peterson property west of Nevada City and are moving into their home. He is employed by the American River Lumber company which has started establishing camp on Deer Creek east of Nevada City.

BORN

HOWTON—In Nevada City, Nevada County, Aug. 1, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Howton, a son.

Miss Nancy Jones Is Among First Red Cross Workers In Normandy

Nevada City Chapter, American Red Cross is in receipt of the following message:

"Enclosed we are sending a story of a Nevada City resident involved in the Normandy invasion, which we know you will be interested in.

(Signed)

MARY WATSON PALMER,

Dir. Public Information, Pacific Area. A. R. C.

"National Hqd. A. R. C.—Washington, D. C.—Nancy Mott Jones of 236 Nevada St., Nevada City, Calif., was among the first 300 American Red Cross workers to reach the Cherbough Peninsula to serve invasion troops, it was announced by American Red Cross National Headquarters here today.

"Miss Jones, along with others who prveiously served American armed forces in England, arrived at Cherbourg by army transport and immediately took up her duties as a recreation worker.

"At least sixteen American Red Cross clubmobiles are now in operation at the beachhead in Normandy, a leave club has opened in Cherbough two more are about to open and other Red Cross services to the armed forces are in full swing, Harvey D. Gibson, Com'. cabled from London. In addition, Gibson revealed that eight field clubs are already in operation.

"Women recreation workers are operating with all evacuation hospital units, and all field directors have been assigned, many having landed during the first days of action." Gibson said.

BUS SERVICE FOR SCOUTS GOING TO CAMP PAHATSI

Half of the Boy Scouts who have registered so far for Camp Pahatsi have signed up for the two week period. As previously announced busses will leave on the following schedule: Placer county, August 13, August 20. Leave Memorial Hall, Roseville at 12. Leave Auburn opera house 1 p. m. Nevada county: August 13, August 20. Leave Memorial Park Grass Valley at 12. Leave Bank of America corner, Nevada City 1 p. m.

The camping and activities committee has also announced that no refunds will be given to scouts who have signed up except in case of extreme emergency or illness, this is due to the fact that food is being purchased based on attendance and also bcause of rationing requirements. Registrations for camp are being accepted by the scout office and scouts who have signed up for the entire camp period should pay their full registration fee by August 10 and those who are planning to attend the second week should have their full registration fee paid by August 17 plue $3 for round trip bus transportation if going from Grass Valley or Nevada City.

LEDO ROAD IS TRUCK DRIVERS NIGHTMARE

Not since our pioneering ancestors broke the trails into the trackless western wilderness with their Conestoga wagons have Americans made transport vehicles met difficulties comparable to those of the Ledo road.

Day after day, hour after hour, the motor vehicles used on this all-important stretch of highway through the jungles of Burma face tests of stamina under conditions such as no equipment was ever designed to endure.

Yet, like the prairie schooners whose wheel ruts through forest and swamp, and over mountains and desert, tied this nation of scattered, isolated communities into a unified whole, the American made trucks, troop carriers, jeeps and other mobile units, are bringing physical unity to that fighting front of tremendous distances and forbidding terrain; the China, Burma, India theatre of operations.

From supply depot to advance base, the road presents a truck driver's nightmare. Terrifying road shoulders, tortuous curves and blinding dust make up a few of the hazards presented to both men and machines. In addition, there is always the danger of a sudden mountain land slide a rain that washes the road over a nearby cliff, or mud that bogs a truck into uselessness.

Beginning at Ledo, India, in Assam's Naga Hills district the road pursues the generally eastward direction, running along the southern slope of the Himalayan mountain range through some of the world's densest jungles. After crossing the Burmese frontier, the road—or rather the route mapped out for it—winds in a southeasterly direction along the eastern side of the India-Burma border.

Ultimately it will be extended many times its present length to connect with the enemy free portioo of the old Burma Road, making a new lifeline from India to China.

Already large fleets of trucks, manufactured and shipped by automotive plants many thousands of miles from India, are delivering supplies over the Ledo Road to Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stillwell's troops fighting in the Hukawng Valley. These convoys are formed in the village of Ledo terminus of the only rail line joining this part of Asia with seaports on the Bay of Bengal, and dispatched on regular schedules to the road's "dead end" and the front lines.

For both American men and American built vehicles the construction of that first 100 miles or road represents a triumph over so-called "insurmoutable' difficulties. The engineers who supervised the operation had to battle malignant malaria and monsoon rains which average 100 inches in a year.

For American equipment the road represents a triumph over the thickest wettest jungles in Asia, mountain ranges towering from 3000 to 5000 feet above sea level and tangles of centuries old hardwood trees, strangltr vines, bamboo, elephant grass and banana palms.

Construction started in December 1942, and was kept a deep military secret for many months. Indian leaders said "it couldn't be built." Today the Ledo Road is wide and smooth enough to accommodate the truck traffic in two directions over most of its distance. Near "dead end" however, it is little more than a trail hacked through the wilderness. At this stage, trees are felled and buildozers crash through to break a patch for the trucks lined behind.

From the start 18 months ago, trucks were on the scene moving supplies of wood and canvas for base camps, carrying road building equipment, transporting gasoline, food and othtr necessities.

In the beginning there were only fifty trucks, fifteen rock crushers, five steam shovels, and several small buildozers. Today, American and the Chinese construction crews use the most modern equipment manufactured and the hundreds of vehicles that make up the road's traffic have been brought more than 16,000 miles by rail, sea and air.

Like the road used by the American Pioneers's Conestoga wagons, the Ledo Road was in use while it was being built. As soon as the first bulldozer cut a trail, motor vehicles began carrying supplies to the fighting front. Often that front was the only a few yards ahead of the construction crews. Much of the time, both trucks and the men who drive them were under direct shell fire or bombing from the sky.

Even now, while traffic flows both ways, the work of widening, straightening, grading, filling, bridging and drainin goes on. The work never stops. At night it is performed in the light provided by diesel oil set ablaze in drums alonside the road.

To keep traffic moving, Army Ordnance maintenance depots have been set up along the way. When a truck has been damaged beyond repair is is "cannibalized" and the parts thus recovered are used to keep other trucks and vehicles rolling.

The road is now over the "hump". The hill country of Burma has been conquered. The jungle highway is beginning to pay dividends as American built trucks carry increasing amounts of machine guns, artillery, small arms, ammunition, clothing and other war equipment to the Chinese and American jungle troops facing the Japs.

NEVADA, SIERRA TRINITY SHOW RETAIL LOSSES

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 7 — Retail sales in all counties of the Sacramento valley areas, with only three exceptions, have advanced sharply not only as compared with the prewar year 1939 but also with the record year of 1929, it is revealed in estimates just completed by the research department of the California state chamber of commerce. Only 3 counties in the Sacramento Valley failed to show increased volume in retail sales in the last year, and in the state only ten counties failed to register gains. In the remaining 48 counties the gains ranged from 4 per cent to 197 per cent according to the state chamber survey which is based on taxable sales as reported by the state board of equalization.

The three exceptions are Nevada County with a decrease of 17.6%, Sierra 20.9%, and Trinity county 2.7%.

In the nineteen Sacramento valley counties during 1943 retail sales aggregated $334,607,000 an increase of 43 per cent over the prewar year 1939 when the total for these counties was $233,132,000.

Among the nineteen Sacramento valley counties Sacramento county ranked first in dollar volume of retail sales during the past year and Solano county ranked first in point of increase over 1939. In Sacramento county last year retail sales were estimated at $130,082,000 an increase of 42 per cent over 1939. Solano county with total sales of $52,769,000 showed an increase of 178 per cent. The increase for Butte county which ranned third with $22,750,000 in estimated sales was approximately 22 per cent.

Total retail sales for the state during 1943 are estimated at $5,352,239,000 as compared with $2,187,809,000 for 1939 an increase of approximately 68 per cent.

GRASS VALLEY ALL SET FOR VICTORY PARADE

Night or day, whatever the hour, when the Associated Press sends a flash that Germany has capitulated, Grass Valley is organized to put on a big Victory parade but one hour after the news is received.

This was the announcement of Earl Covey, chairman of the celebration committee, who is assisted by Dan Stewart, who starts church bells ringing and whistles blowing, Harry Poole, who will marshall the parade into being, Lloyd Compton, Roy Trathen and Mayor Richard Trathen.

Headquarters of the committee is the Veterans Memorial Building in which it is expected to hold a dance following the parade.

"If the news comes in the middle of the night," declared Covey, wearers of night shirts and pajamas will be welcomed in the parade. Dan Stewart will be the first to receive the news hot from the wires. He will start mine whistles blowing and the church bells and fire bells ringing. Harry Poole will take charge of the processional features. The Nevada County Band has agreed to add their entire repertoire to the jubilee. Business houses and professional offices will close for the day if the news comes in the morning, and for the following day, if at night.

"The American Legion and the Elks will hold open house in their respective buildings. The Grass Valley plans for Victory Day's ecelebration have been submitted to the national headquarters of the American Legion in the hope that every town, and village in the country will stage a celebration along somewhat the same lines. Clubs and fraternal organizations are falling into line and planning their parts in the community Victory Day."

The average American motorist today uses only 43 per cent as much gasoline as he used in 1941.

PERSONALS

Donald R. Dillingham, nephew Mrs. L. Fleming and grandson Mrs. McKnight, returned to San Di go Monday after a week end lea spent in Nevada City. He is a fi class seaman studying firing cont in the U. S. navy.

Jimmie E. Robinson of Nevad City and U. S. army air pilot, to off from a combat field in the fam five grand, the 5000th Flying Fo tress built by the Boeing Aircr company in Seattle, since Pearl Ha bar. The plane is in action in t European theatre of war taking from a base somewhere in Englan

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hatch and so returned to Mill Valley Sunda Their son, Vernon remained here f the rest of his vacation to visit h grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farnsworth w have been living at the Lava C mine a year are moving back to the home.

Mrs. E. McClish who resides at t Lava Cap mine mill site, is impro ing in her illness.

Mrs. Annie Browning who suffe ed several broken ribs in a fall her home recently, is now showi some improvement.

Recent news dispatches releas names of injured marines and in t group was the name of William Howe, private first class. His fath is Arthur W. Howe of Grass Valle

Mr. and Mrs. John Pezzola Johnsville were business visitors Nevada City Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Ashenfelter of Herc les accompanied F. McGrath Grass Valley as far as his home a then came on to this city to visit h sister in law, Mrs. Mary Young Coyote street.

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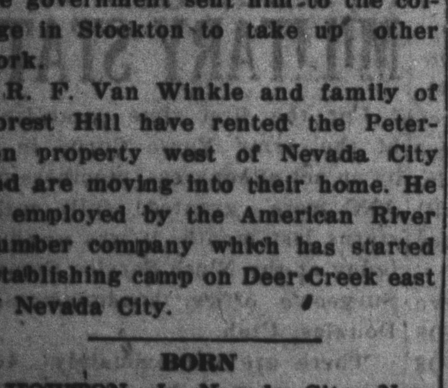

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